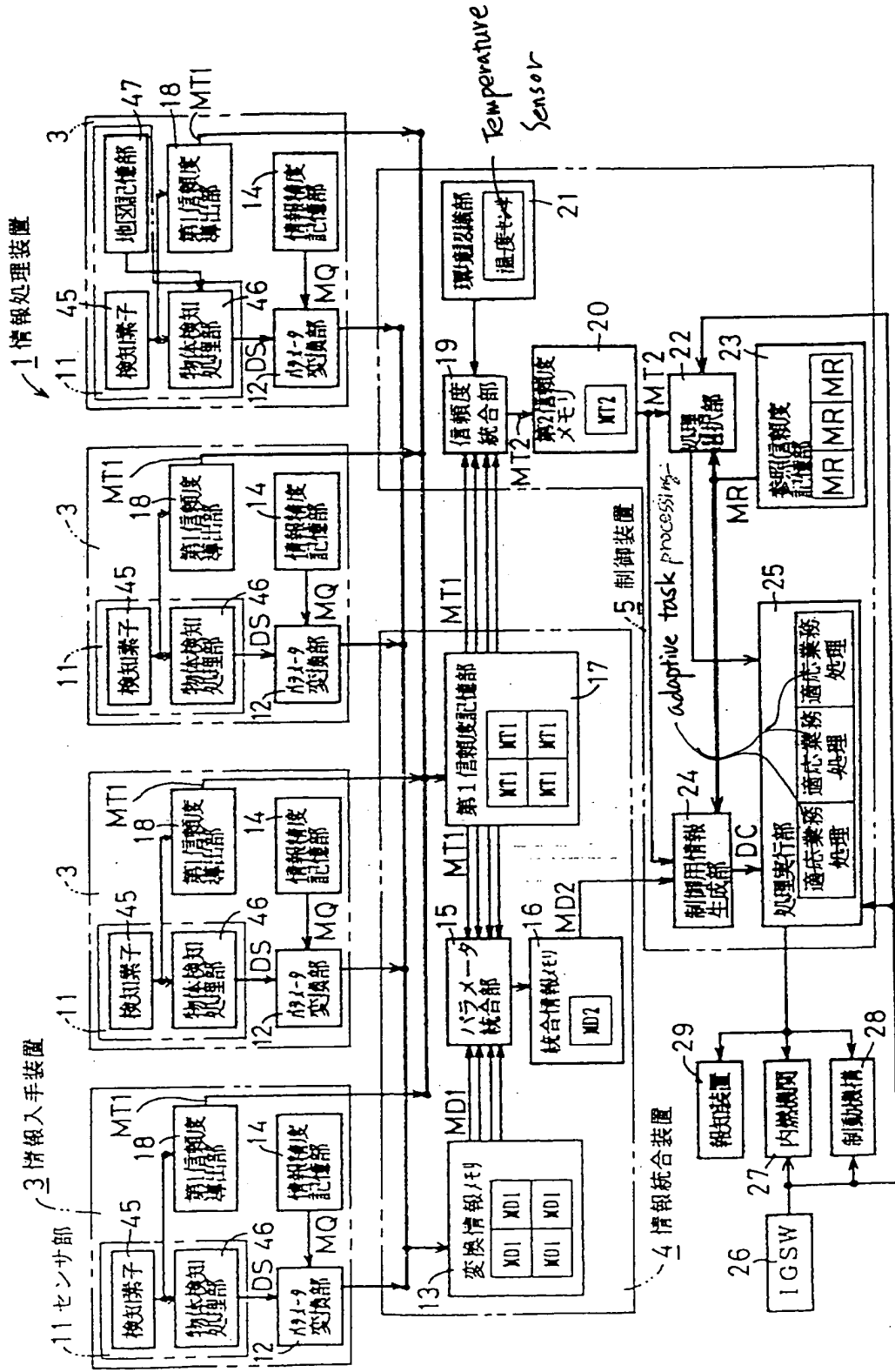


FIG. 1



- 1 INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS
- 11 SENSOR
- 12 PARAMETER CONVERSION SECTION
- 15 PARAMETER INTEGRATION SECTION
- 19 RELIABILITY INTEGRATION SECTION
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- 26 IGNITION SWITCH
- 27 INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE
- 28 BRAKE MECHANISM
- 29 ALARM
- 3 INFORMATION CAPTURING APPARATUS
- 13 CONVERSION INFORMATION MEMORY
- 17 FIRST RELIABILITY STORAGE SECTION
- 21 ENVIRONMENT RECOGNITION SECTION
- 24 CONTROL INFORMATION GENERATION SECTION
- 25 PROCESSING EXECUTION SECTION
- 29 ALARM
- 31 DETECTION SPACE
- 4 INFORMATION INTEGRATION APPARATUS
- 14 INFORMATION ACCURACY STORAGE SECTION
- 18 FIRST RELIABILITY DERIVATION SECTION
- 22 PROCESSING SELECTION SECTION
- 25 PROCESSING EXECUTION SECTION
- 31 DETECTION SPACE
- 5 CONTROLLER

FIG. 2

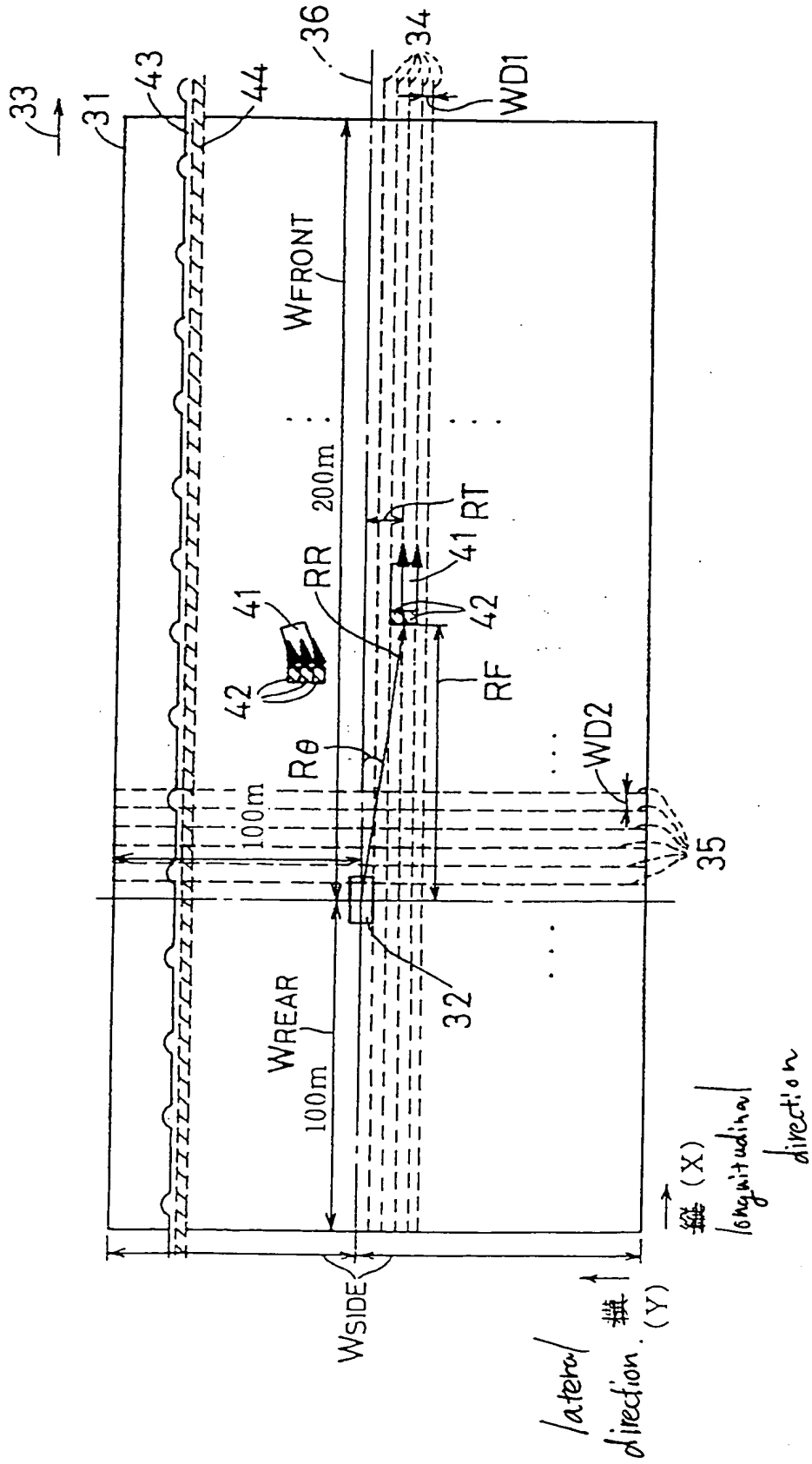


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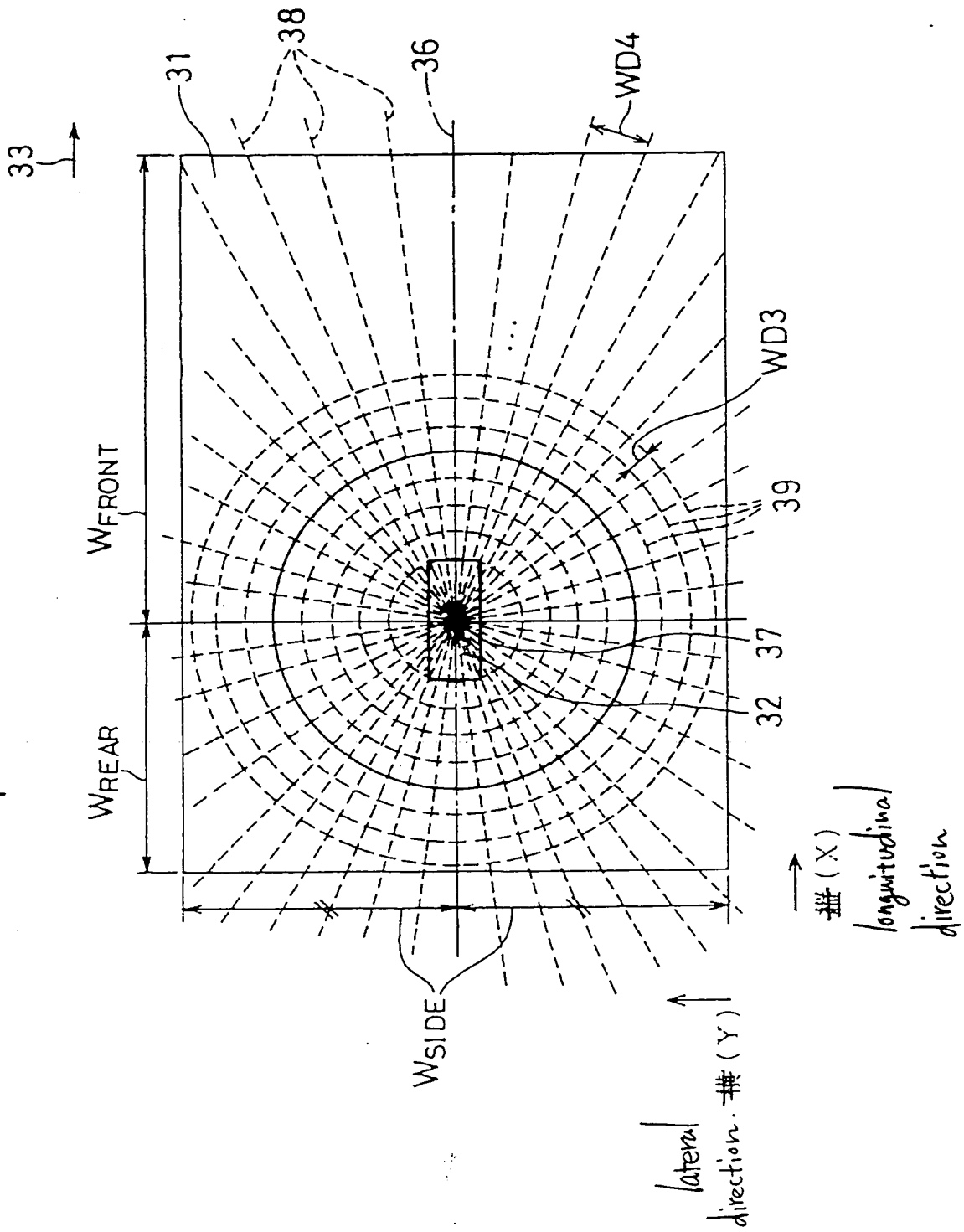


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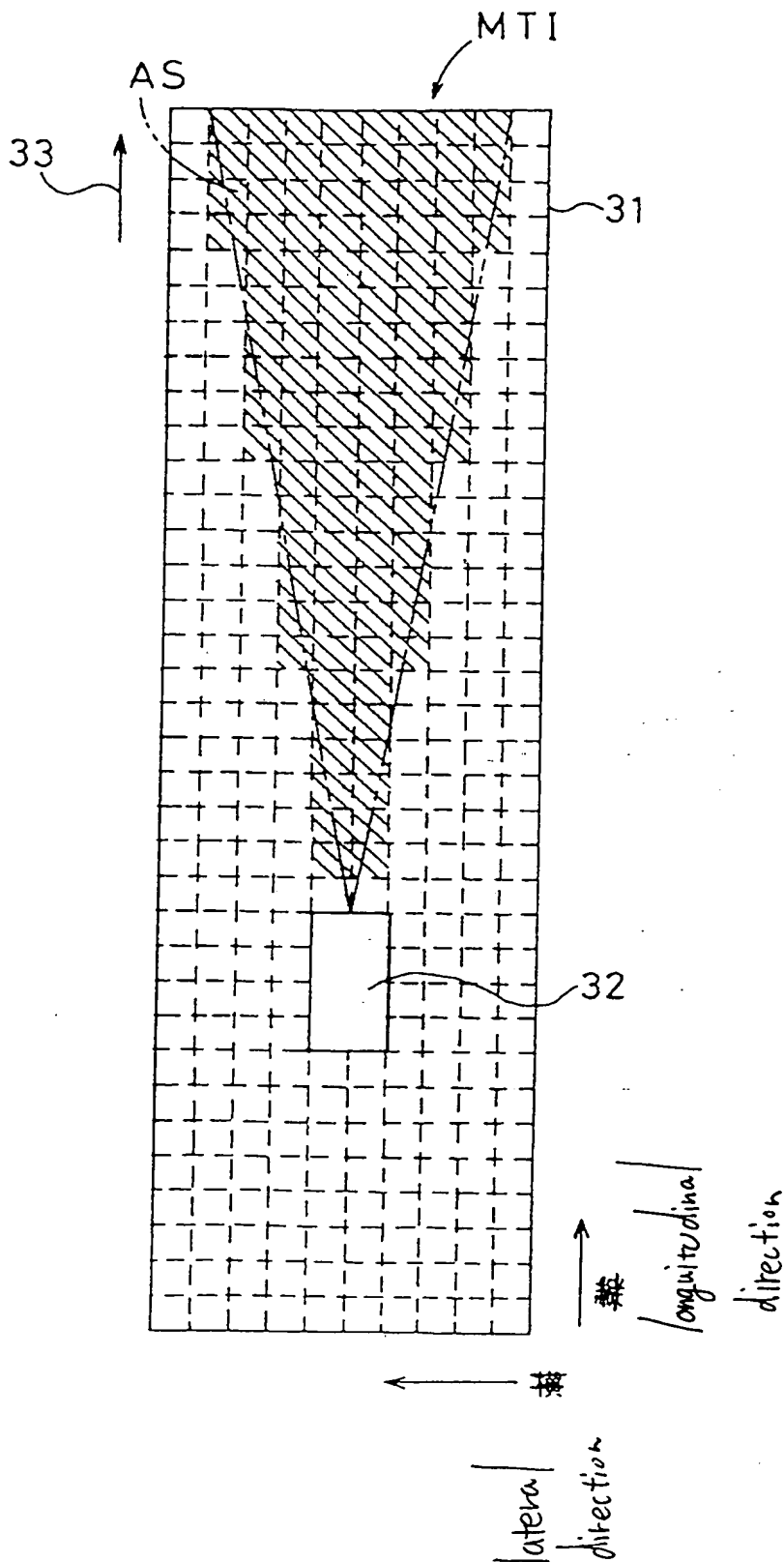
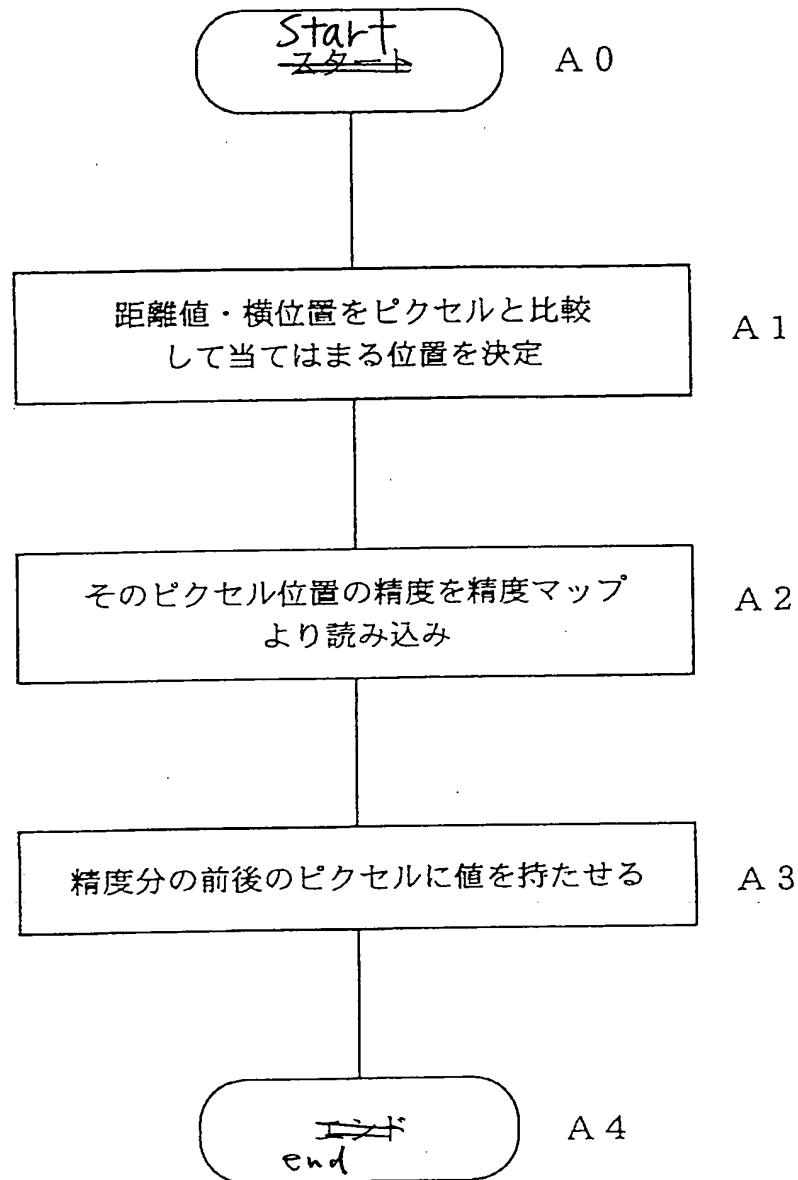




FIG. 6

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A1 DETERMINE POSITION BY COMPARING DISTANCE AND LATERAL POSITION WITH PIXEL  
A2 READ ACCURACY OF PIXEL POSITION FROM ACCURACY MAP  
A3 IMPART VALUE CORRESPONDING TO ACCURACY TO ADJACENT PIXELS

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FIG. 7A

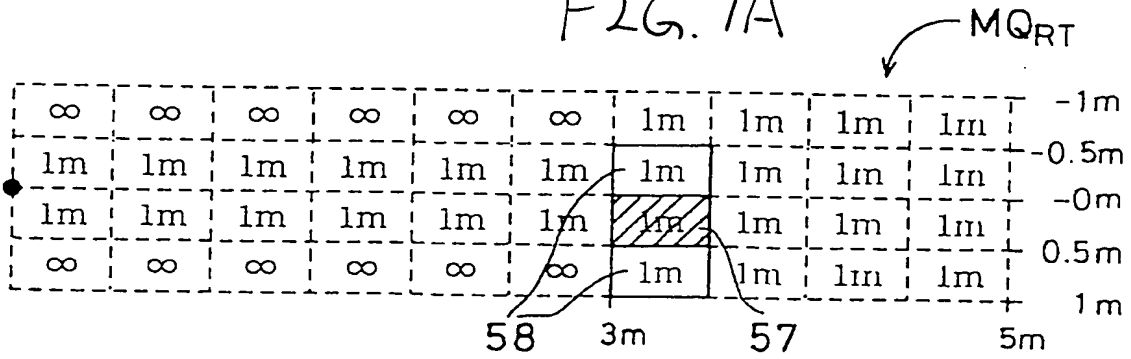


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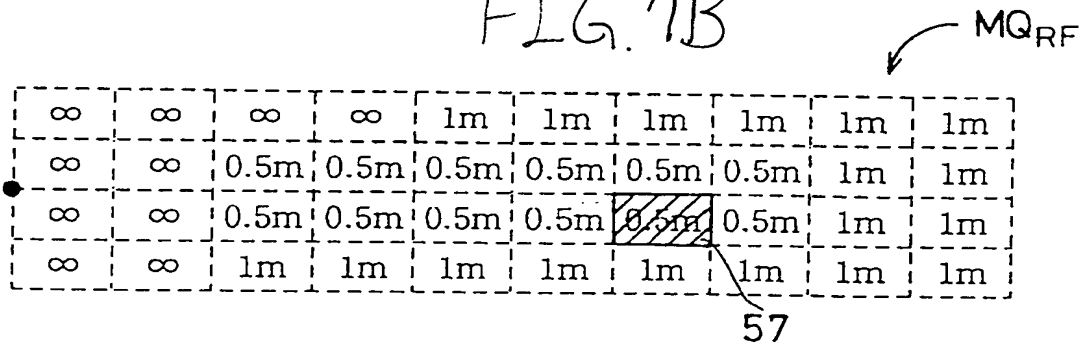


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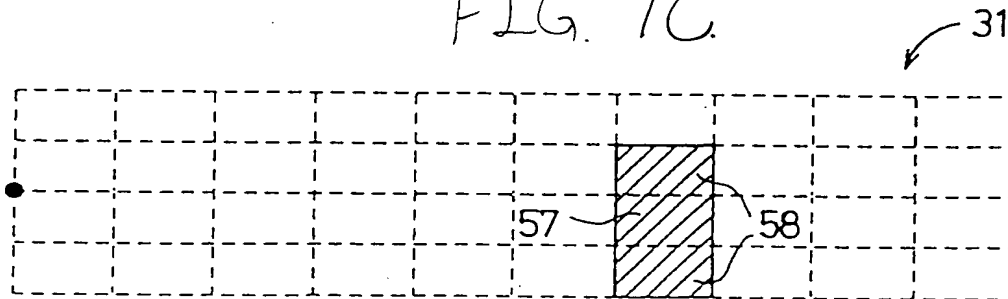


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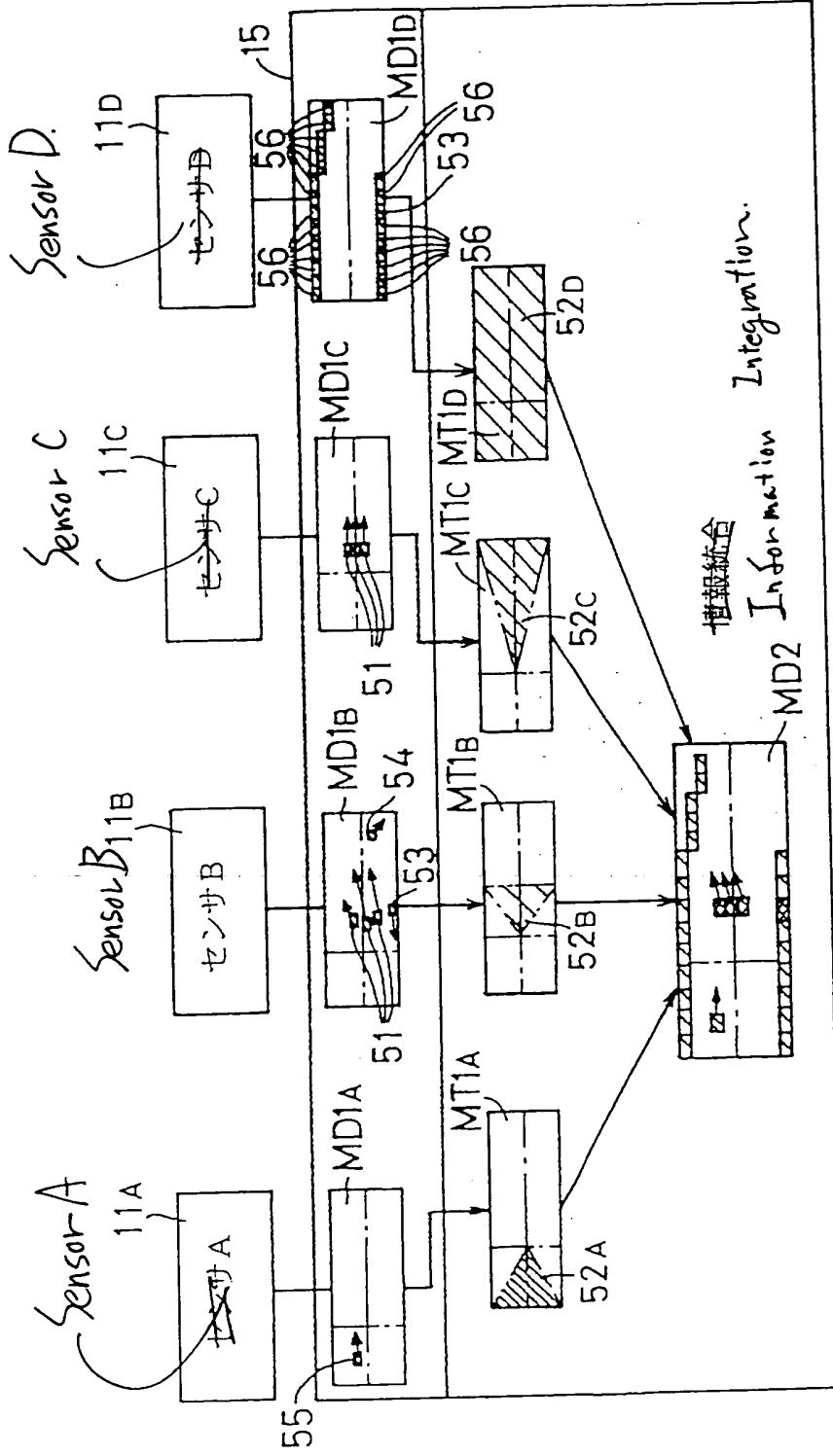




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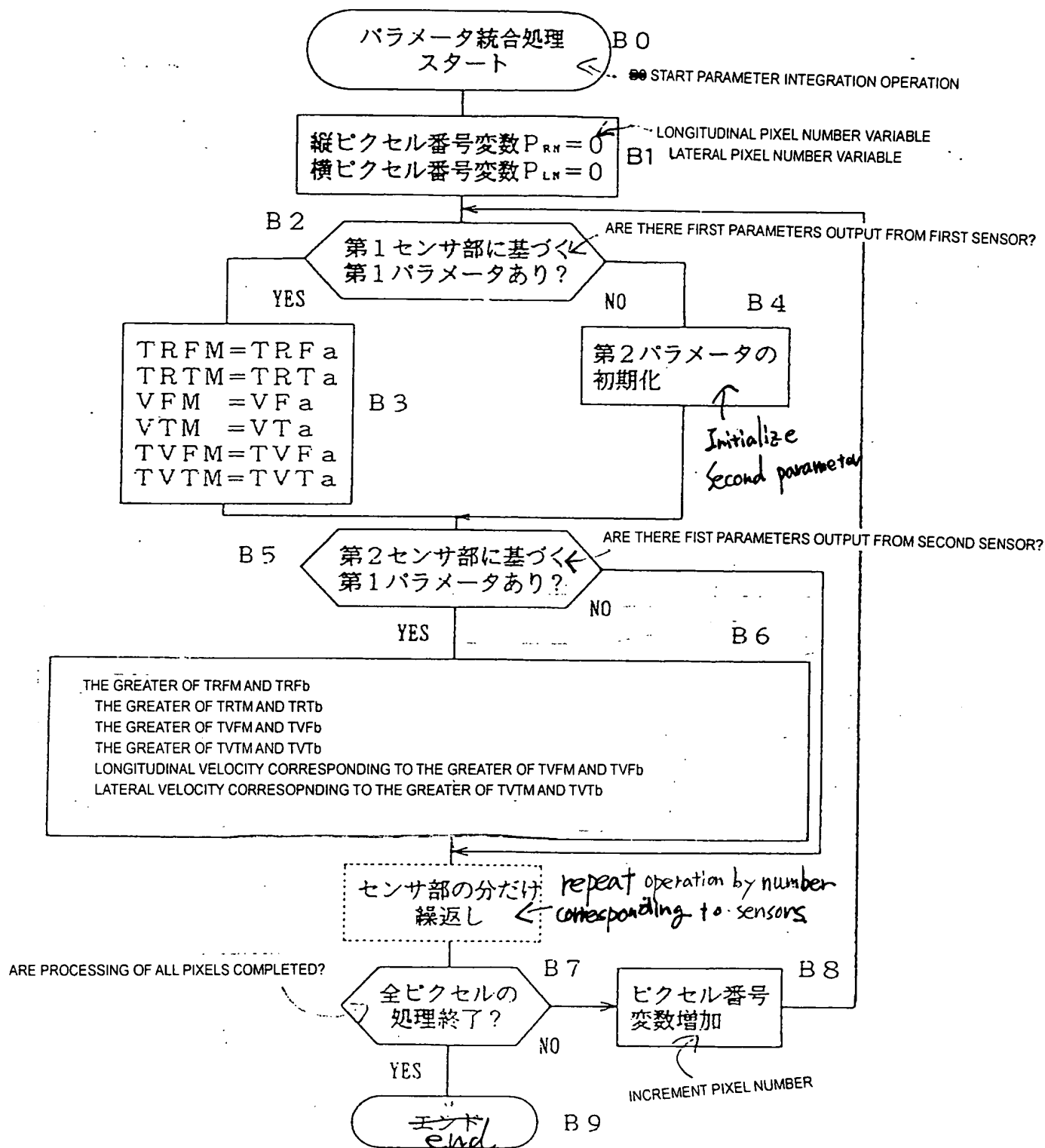
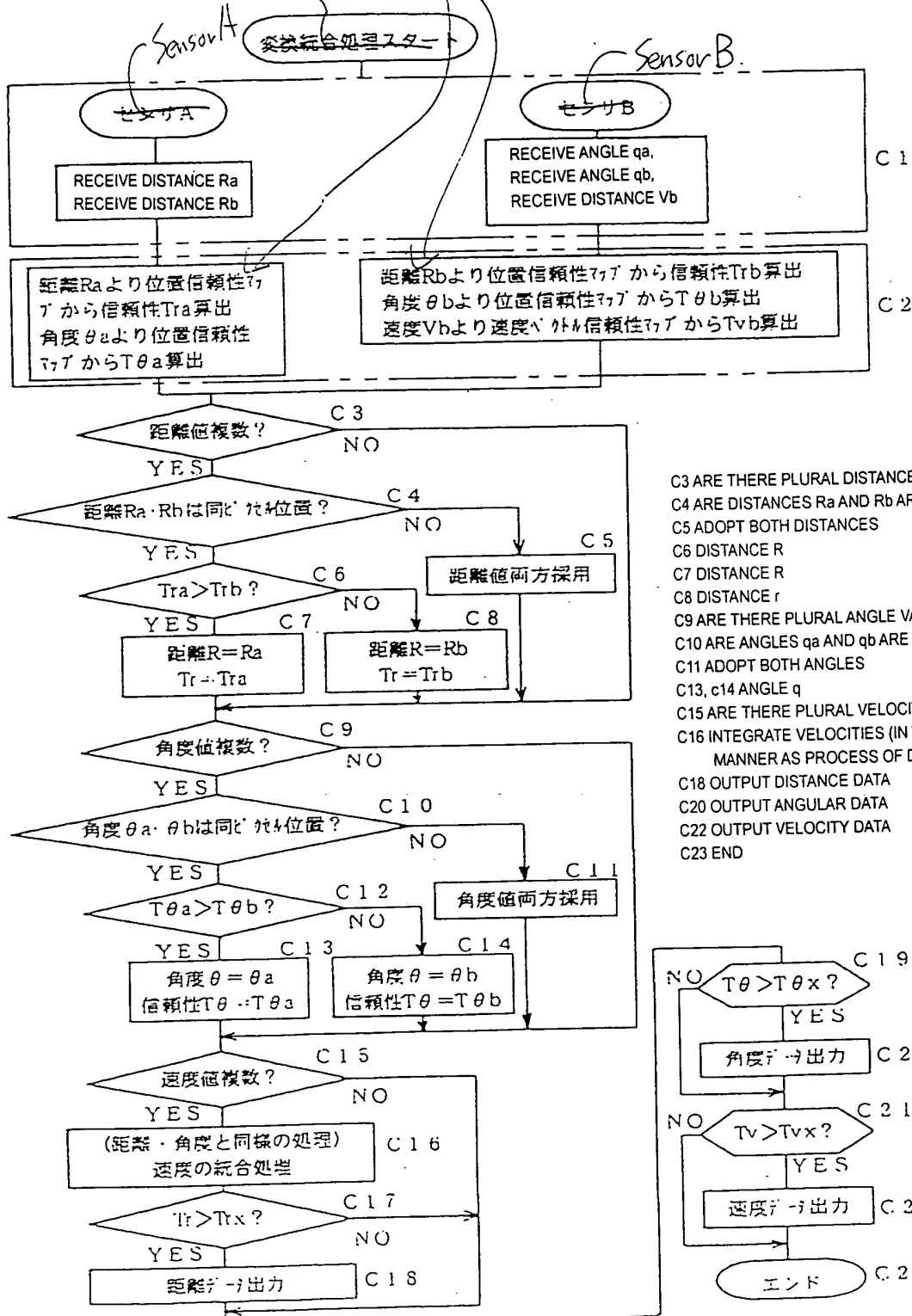


FIG. 10

C2/ CALCULATE RELIABILITY  $T_{ra}$  FROM DISTANCE  $R_a$  BY REFERENCE TO POSITION RELIABILITY MAP,  
CALCULATE  $T_{qa}$  FROM ANGLE  $q_a$  BY REFERENCE TO POSITION RELIABILITY MAP  
CALCULATE RELIABILITY  $T_{rb}$  FROM DISTANCE  $R_b$  BY REFERENCE TO POSITION RELIABILITY MAP,  
CALCULATE  $T_{qb}$  FROM ANGLE  $q_b$  BY REFERENCE TO POSITION RELIABILITY MAP  
CALCULATE  $T_{vb}$  FROM VELOCITY VECTOR RELIABILITY MAP

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C3 ARE THERE PLURAL DISTANCE VALUES?  
C4 ARE DISTANCES  $R_a$  AND  $R_b$  ARE IN THE SAME PIXEL POSITION?  
C5 ADOPT BOTH DISTANCES  
C6 DISTANCE  $R$   
C7 DISTANCE  $R$   
C8 DISTANCE  $r$   
C9 ARE THERE PLURAL ANGLE VALUES?  
C10 ARE ANGLES  $q_a$  AND  $q_b$  ARE IN THE SAME PIXEL POSITION?  
C11 ADOPT BOTH ANGLES  
C13, C14 ANGLE  $q$   
C15 ARE THERE PLURAL VELOCITY VALUES?  
C16 INTEGRATE VELOCITIES (IN THE SAME MANNER AS PROCESS OF DISTANCE AND ANGLE)  
C18 OUTPUT DISTANCE DATA  
C20 OUTPUT ANGULAR DATA  
C22 OUTPUT VELOCITY DATA  
C23 END

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FIG. 11A

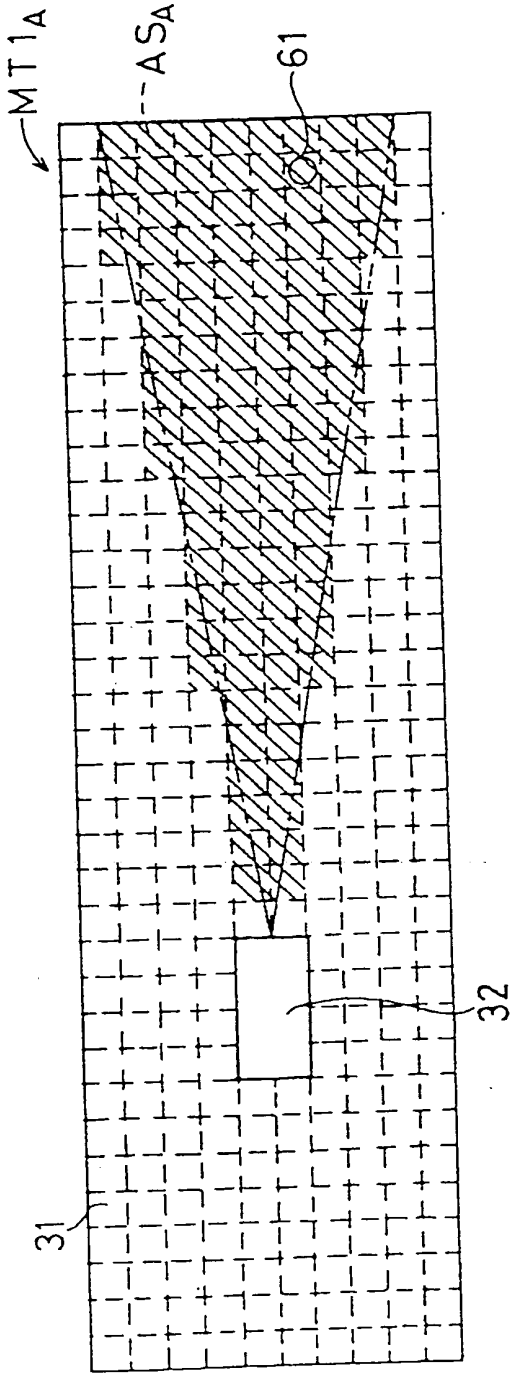
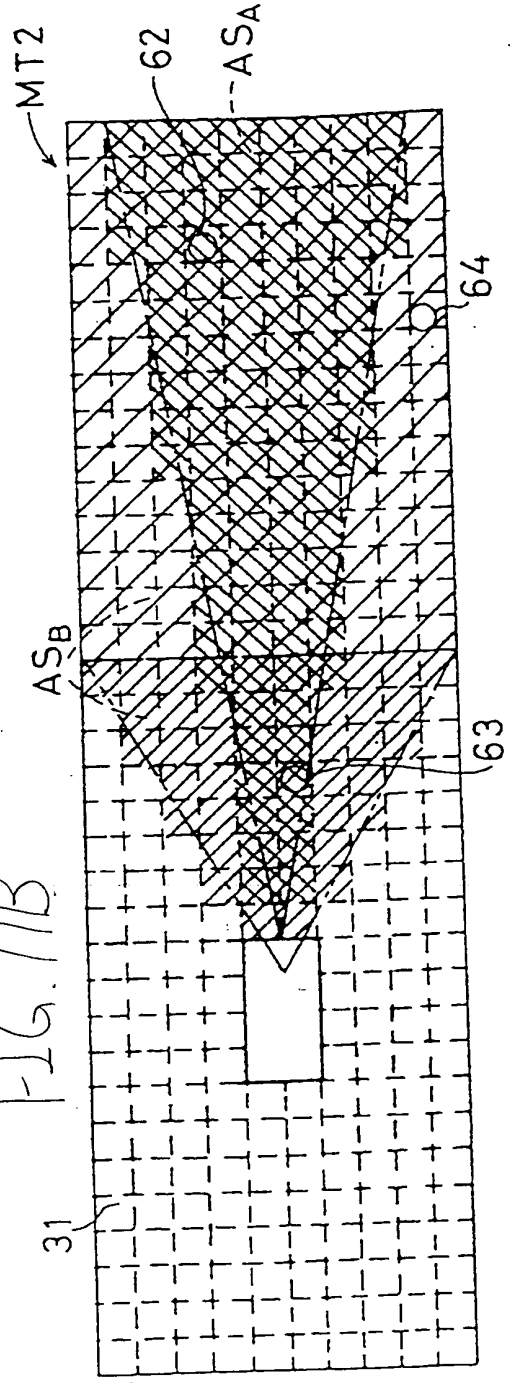


FIG. 11B



ミリ波信頼度  
millimeter wave reliability

画像信頼度  
image reliability

FIG. 12 A

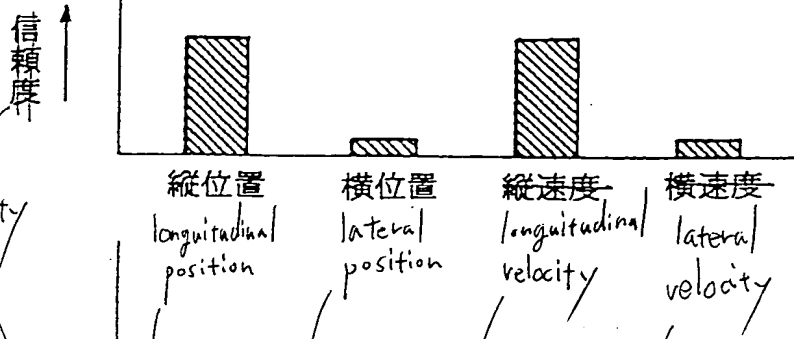


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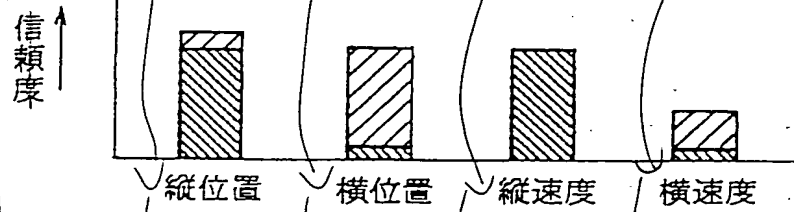


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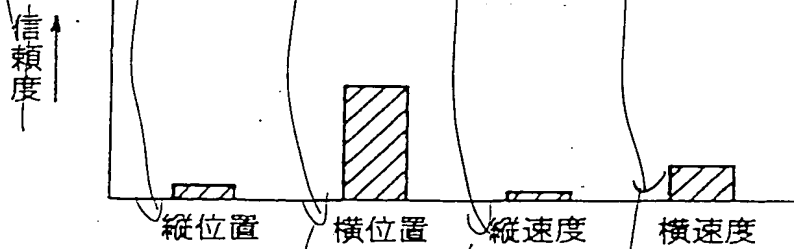


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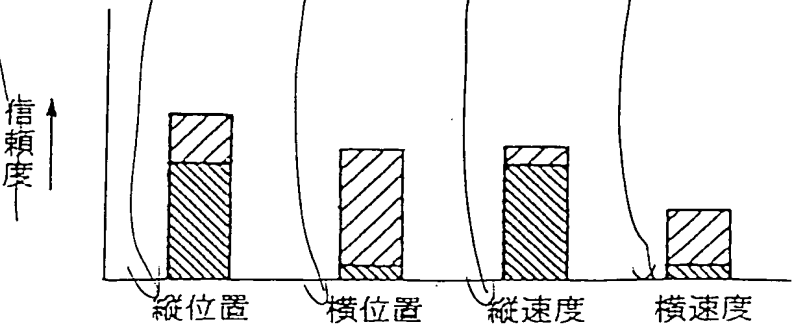


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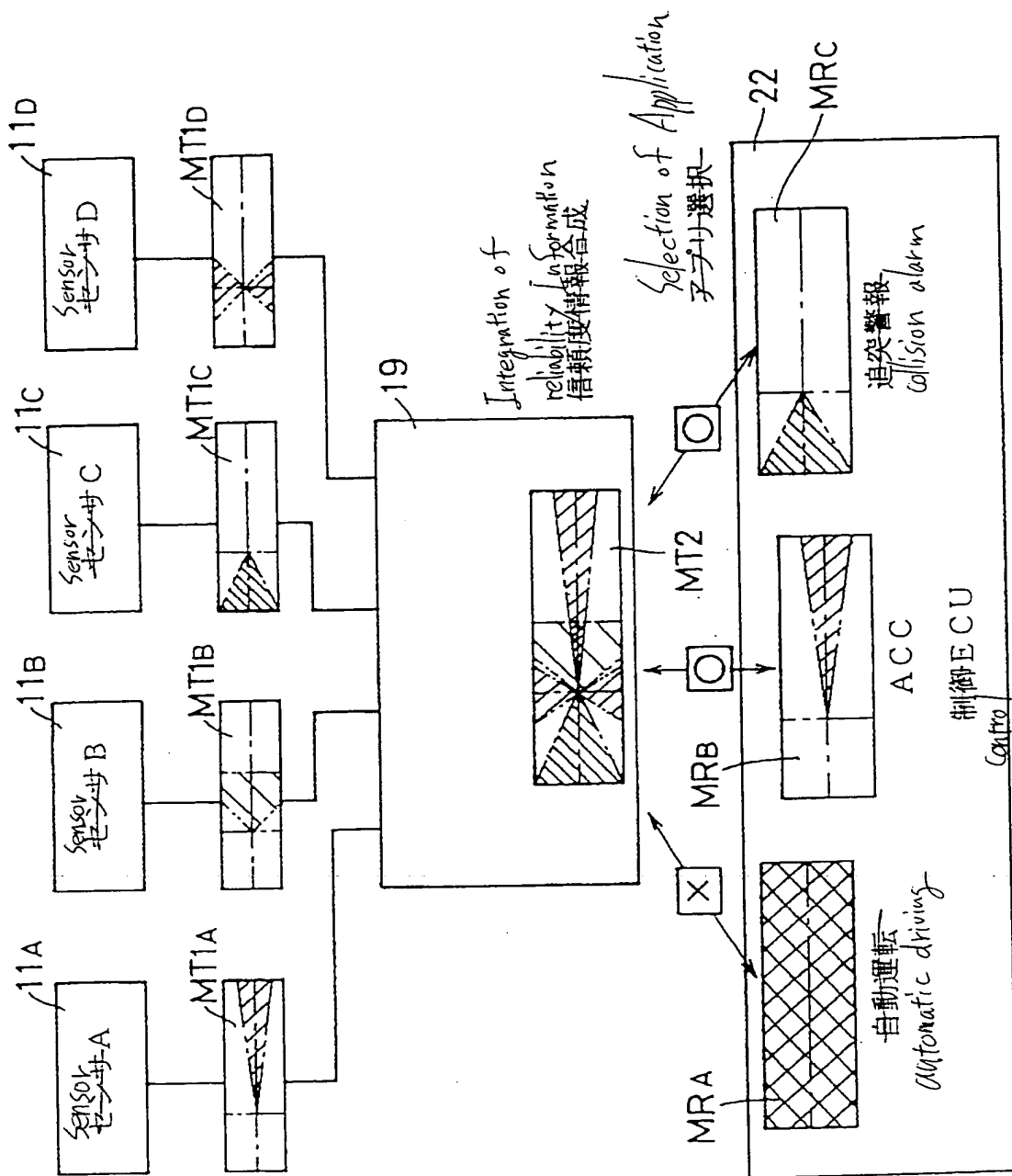
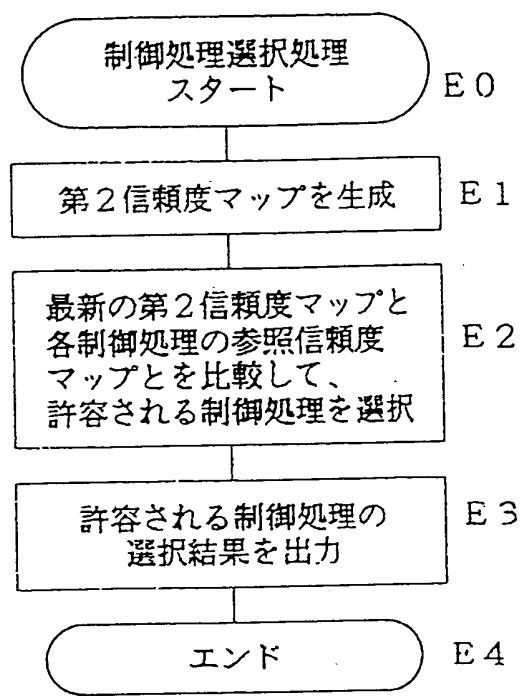
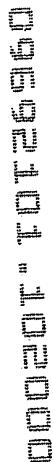


FIG. 14



E0 START SELECTION OF CONTROL PROCESSING  
E1 GENERATE SECOND RELIABILITY MAP  
E2 SELECT ALLOWABLE CONTROL PROCESSING BY COMPARISON OF LATEST SECOND RELIABILITY MAP  
WITH REFERENCE RELIABILITY MAP OF CONTROL PROCESSING  
E3 OUTPUT RESULT OF SELECTION OF ALLOWABLE CONTROL OPERATION  
E4 END

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- D0 START GENERATION OF CONTROL INFORMATION
- D1 DELETE SECOND PARAMETERS FROM PIXELS
  - HAVING SECOND RELIABILITY LESS THAN REFERENCE RELIABILITY
- D2 RETRIEVE PIXEL HAVING SECOND PARAMETER
- D3 RETRIEVE CONTINUOUSLY-POSITIONED PIXELS
- D4 DOES DIFFERENCE IN RELATIVE SPEED BETWEEN SECOND PARAMETERS
  - OF CONTINUOUSLY-POSITIONED PIXELS FALL WITHIN A PREDETERMINED RANGE?
- D7 GENERATE CONTROL INFORMATION ABOUT SINGLE OBJECT
  - ON THE BASIS OF SECOND PARAMETERS ASSIGNED TO SINGLE PIXEL
- D5 GENERATE CONTROL INFORMATION ABOUT SINGLE OBJECT
  - BY INTEGRATION OF SECOND PARAMETERS ASSIGNED TO ALL CONTINUOUSLY-POSITIONED PIXELS.
- D6 GENERATE CONTROL INFORMATION FOR SINGLE OBJECT
  - BY INTEGRATION OF SECOND PARAMETERS FOR EACH SET OF PIXELS
  - WHOSE RELATIVE VELOCITIES DIFFER FROM EACH OTHER WITHIN A PREDETERMINED RANGE.

FIG. 16A

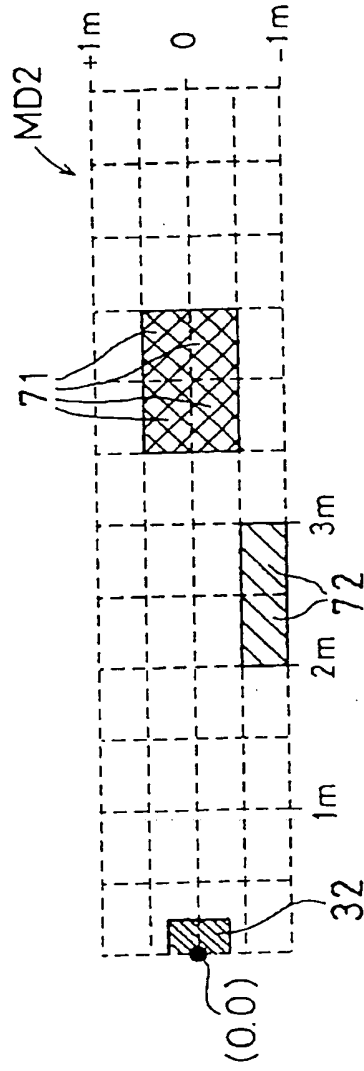


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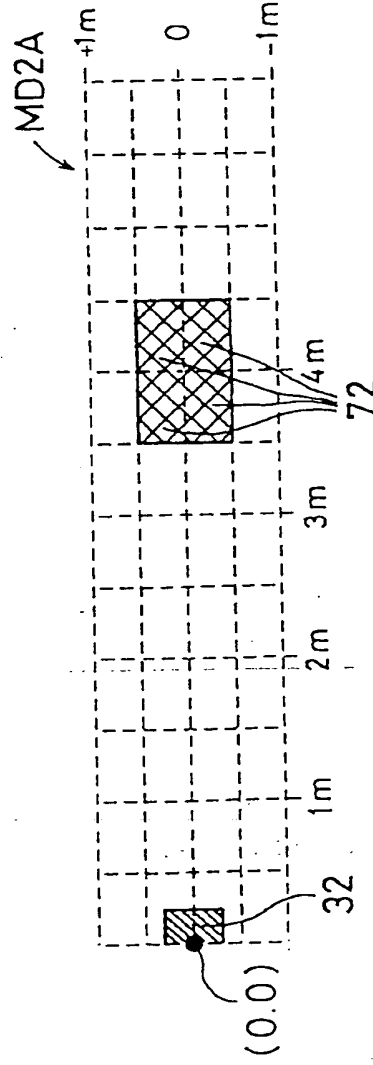
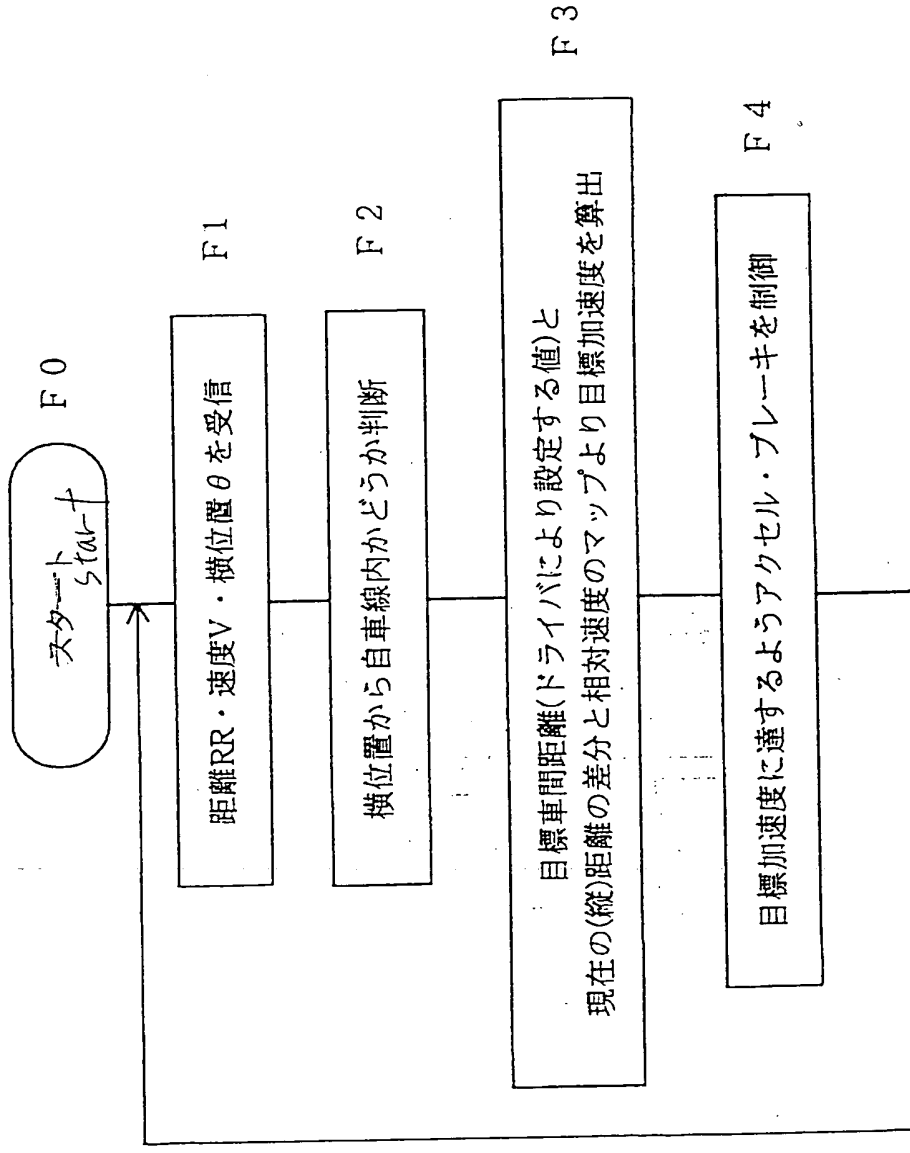


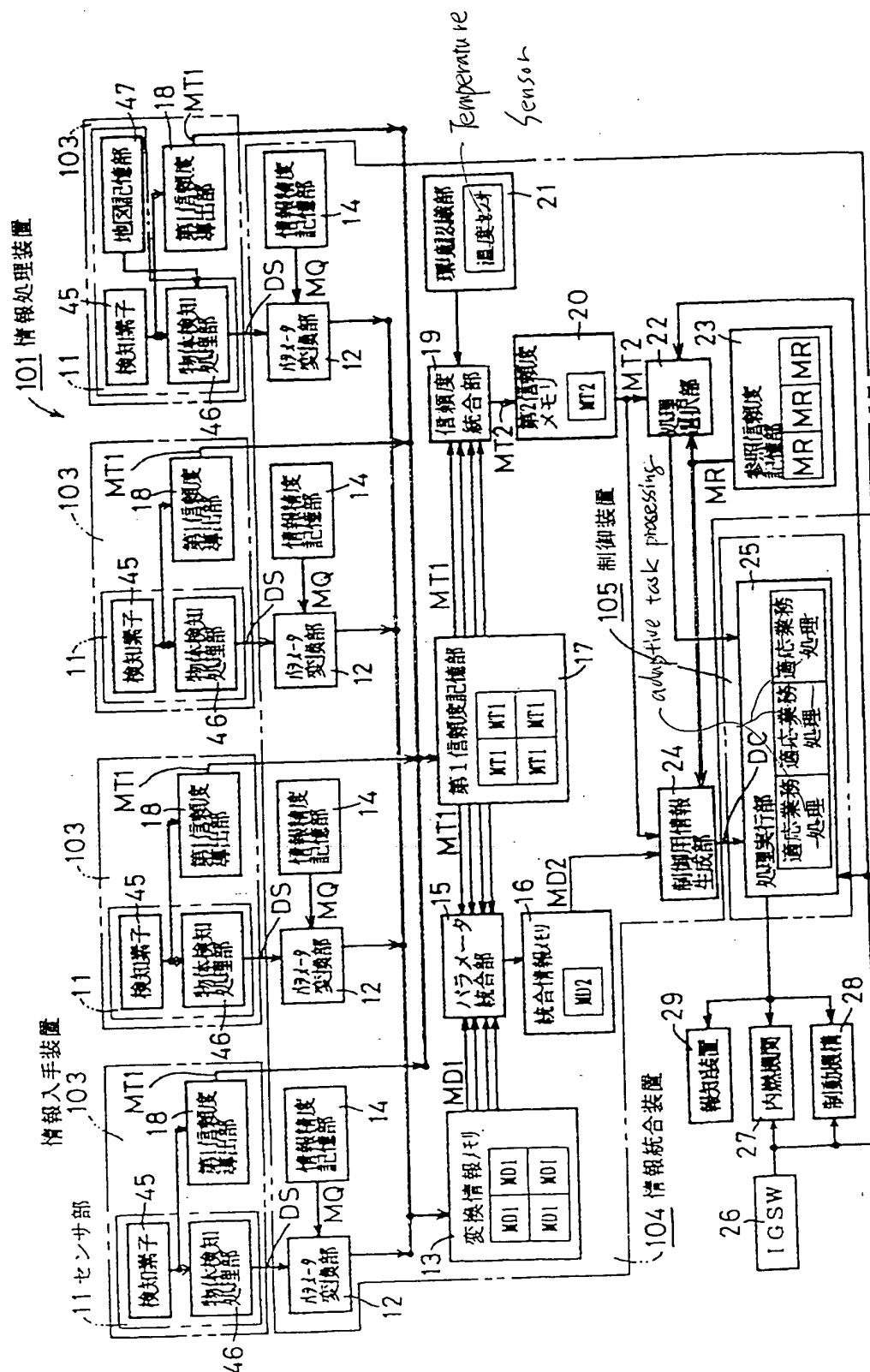


FIG. 17



F1 RECEIVE DISTANCE RR, VELOCITY V, LATERAL POSITION  $\theta$   
F2 DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT OBJECT IS LOCATED IN THE LANE DOWN  
WHICH VEHICLE IS DRIVING, FROM LATERAL POSITION  
F3 CALCULATE TARGET ACCELERATION FROM DIFFERENCE  
BETWEEN TARGET CAR-SPACE DISTANCE (SET BY DRIVER) AND CURRENT (LONGITUDINAL) POSITION,  
AND RELATIVE VELOCITY MAP  
F4 CONTROL THROTTLE AND BRAKE SO AS TO ATTAIN TARGET ACCELERATION

FIG. 18



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|---|--|---|
| 101 INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS    | 103 INFORMATION CAPTURING APPARATUS      | 104 INFORMATION INTEGRATION APPARATUS     |
| 105 CONTROLLER                          | 12 PARAMETER CONVERSION SECTION          | 13 CONVERSION INFORMATION MEMORY          |
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| 25 PROCESSING EXECUTION SECTION         | 27 INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE            |   |
| 29 ALARM                                |  |   |
| 31 DETECTION SPACE                      |  |   |